

The City of HILLSDALE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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CITY HALL CLOSED:

Friday, April 15, 2022

City Hall will be closed at noon to observe Good Friday.

Monday, May 30, 2022

City Hall will be closed during normal office hours to observe Memorial Day.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Monday, March 14, 2022: March Board of Review Appeal Meeting (Day 1)

The Board of Review will hear taxpayer appeals from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Tuesday, March 15, 2022: March Board of Review Appeal Meeting (Day 2)

The Board of Review will resume hearing taxpayer appeals from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Monday, April 4, 2022: Spring 2022 Brush Pickup

The Department of Public Services will conduct a city-wide brush pickup.

Monday, April 11, 2022: Spring 2022 Leaf Pickup

The Department of Public Services will begin the first of the bi-annual leaf pick ups.

SPECIAL ELECTION - MAY 2022

When: Tuesday, May 3, 2022
7:00 a.m - 8:00 p.m.

Where: Hillsdale Community Library
11 E Bacon St, Hillsdale, MI 49242

For more information, please contact the City Clerk at (517) 437-6441.

REMINDER FROM THE ASSESSOR:

2022 Assessment Change Notices will be sent out to property owners by mid to late February. Please review them!

If there is a dispute that you would like to discuss with the Assessor, prior to the Board of Review, please do so before March 1st.

Contact the City Assessor's office with any questions or concerns regarding your property at (517) 437-6440 or assessor@cityofhillsdale.org

NEW BUSINESSES IN THE CITY

BUCKLIN LAW, PLC

8 E Bacon Street | (517) 278-7345
Check them out on Facebook or at
www.bucklinlawplc.com



Birdie's & HOWELL

28 N Howell Street | (517) 964-2473
Check them out on Facebook!



28 Glendale Ave | (612) 212-7844
www.oconnorcontractingmi.com
Check them out on Facebook!



101 Spring St | (517) 607-1508
Check them out on Facebook!

CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT SEEKING TO EQUIP A RESCUE TRAILER

The Hillsdale City Fire Department is in the process of equipping a rescue trailer to ensure Fire Personnel and equipment can get to a scene where needed. Efficiency and preparedness became a greater priority due to the severe storms the area encountered last summer.

The Fire Department will accept donations of new and used equipment such as chain saws, ropes, chains, jacks, pry bars, and items for bracing and cribbing (e.g. 4x4 lumber).

For more information please contact the Hillsdale City Fire Department at (517) 437-6451.

NEW WAYFINDING SIGNAGE IN CITY



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The project was initiated in 2019 by the City's Economic Development Corporation. City staff worked with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to secure the necessary permits and obtain approval for the project.

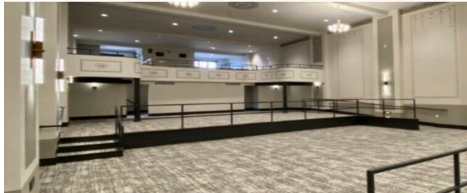
CONGRATULATIONS KATHY FLAUGHER

ON 33 YEARS OF SERVICE!

THANK YOU! WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST!

REMINDER: FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, PLEASE REFER TO THE CITY'S WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE.

IT'S A NEW DAWN!



After a two-year construction period, the historic Dawn Theater is now completely rehabilitated and ready to re-open.

The building was purchased by the Hillsdale Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA). In 2018, TIFA received a large historic preservation grant from the State. Foulke Construction won the bid to completely renovate the Dawn which now has all new mechanicals, fixtures, flooring, paint, and a replacement of the original historic stenciling.

There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony open to the public in March.

The Dawn Theater will then be managed by the Keefe House Hotel, LLC in a public/private partnership to provide a venue for private parties, business meetings, entertainment, movies, and community events.

More information will be available in the near future on how to book the venue and who to contact.

2021 EDC GIFT CARD PROGRAM RECAP

The Hillsdale Economic Corporation (EDC) donated **\$8,880 to 39 local businesses** through the 2021 EDC Gift Card Program.

Thank you to the Hillsdale EDC for their support and thank you to those who purchased gift cards!

2021 NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT RECAP



A big thank you to all who came out for the New Year's Eve Event. Fun was had by all!

Thank you to our sponsors that helped make this even possible: Elks Lodge 1575, Hillsdale County Community Foundation, Michigan Gas Utilities, Point Rental and Sales, and Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness of Hillsdale County (CAPA).

CITY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM



The City of Hillsdale is inviting persons and businesses to help replant Hillsdale "Tree City USA" one tree at a time.

The infestation of the non-native Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle has resulted in the destruction of nearly all ash trees that had been planted along City streets and parks.

While the City will continue its replanting efforts, we understand that some people/businesses may want a tree planted before the City can plant one or may wish to donate a tree to enhance the beauty of our City.

Contact the City Forester, Gary Stachowicz, with questions or requests for more information at (517) 437-6493.

Donations can be made to the City of Hillsdale or through the Hillsdale Community Foundation. Your donation is tax deductible.

BPU/DPS CITY PROJECT UPDATES:

Water Service Potholing: As part of our ongoing investigations of water service leads, as required by the State of Michigan mandates, our contractor will be hydro excavating approximately 650 water service locations. Alleghany Utility Solutions will be completing this work in early March 2022.

2022 Road Construction Projects: City staff is developing construction drawings for utility work and paving of several city streets:

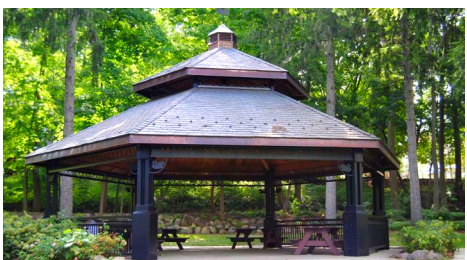
- **Lynwood Blvd** - from Reading Ave to S Howell St
- **S Howell St** - from Hallett St to south city limits
- **Morry St** - from Walnut St to S Howell St
- **Uran St** - Arch Ave to Industrial Dr

Work in these areas will only be completed following approval of Special Assessment Districts (SAD) by the City Council. Information regarding the SAD's and notification of public hearings will be mailed to impacted property owners in the upcoming months. If approved, this work would be completed during the 2022 construction season.

Lead Water Service Line Replacements (LSLR):

The City completed approximated 50 LSLR in 2021. Staff is developing a list for the proposed 2022 replacements and expect these to be associated with future street paving projects. Owners of properties identified for replacement in 2022 will receive information from the City in the near future. Please return the required agreements immediately after receipt to facilitate scheduling of work.

2022 PARK & STRUCTURE RENTALS



Looking for a beautiful venue to hold your event in 2022? Mrs. Stock's Park or Owen Memorial Park are just the right spot!

Contact Hillsdale Recreation at (517) 437-6457 or recreation@cityofhillsdale.org to make a reservation today!

Pricing and additional information on the venues are available on the City's website.

AIRPORT TAXIWAY NOW OPEN!



The Hillsdale Municipal Airport's new taxiway, completed in 2021, is expected to improve air traffic and safety by allowing planes to enter and exit the runway faster.

The cost of construction was approximately \$1.1 million at no cost to the City of Hillsdale or the State of Michigan. The project was funded completely through a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration.